

that will do little to create jobs but will, according to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office, raise the deficit by \$133 billion.

As spending continues to spiral out of control in Washington, the failure of congressional Democrats to present a fiscally responsible budget demonstrates a complete lack of leadership on the part of the majority.

FOX NEWS SHOULD REPORT CORRECT FACTS ON PENSION LEGISLATION

(Mr. LATOURETTE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LATOURETTE. Mr. Speaker, I am going to veer off this message. We are supposed to be talking about where's the budget, and I guess I wonder where the budget is.

But I have to tell you, I think as a Republican, I am supposed to love Fox News and hate MSNBC. Now, I am going to tell you I do hate MSNBC, but something just happened on Fox News that compelled me to come to the floor. They have run this diagram, and it really is, I think, blaspheming my good friend, PAT TIBERI from Ohio, and indicating that there are nine Republicans who are supporting a bill that will bail out unions.

Well, that's nonsense, and I don't know who the pinheaded weenie is at Fox News that decided to put that story together, but the true facts of this piece of legislation are as follows. This bill will save the taxpayers by saying to those corporations that have union pension plans, if you find yourselves in a bind, rather than thrusting that upon the taxpayer, it spreads out over 5 years the ability to bring those pension plans up to speed.

That's good government. It's a good bill. It's a good Tiberi bill. And I don't know what they are doing at Fox News, but they should stop smoking it and get back to reporting the facts.

PENSION BILL IS NOT GOVERNMENT BAILOUT

(Mr. McCOTTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise too, as the gentleman from Ohio did, to be grossly off message.

The bill in question is H.R. 3936. What it does is good government. It allows employers the space they need to make sure they meet the pension obligations that they have to their workers.

It is not a government bailout. Taxpayer funds are not involved unless, of course, these institutions, these unions and their pension plans, fail. It is a wonderful idea by my colleague, PAT TIBERI. It is endorsed by many, many business groups, and I would hope that over the course of the coming hours the truth will out.

Again, you can't always believe what you see on TV, except that it was a very handsome likeness of Congressman LATOURETTE that appeared on Fox News.

DEADLINE HAS PASSED FOR ANNUAL BUDGET RESOLUTION

(Mr. LAMBORN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, over a month has gone by since the April 15 deadline for Congress to pass its annual budget resolution. House Democrats, though, haven't even bothered to offer up a proposal. But without a budget resolution, it is still clear Democrats will go on spending unbelievable sums of money, as if a \$940 billion health care bill, a \$787 billion failed stimulus bill, and teeing up more permanent bailout authority weren't enough. House Democrats are going to spend another \$200 billion this week on another massive spending bill.

The majority of this is not offset by other spending cuts in the budget. This latest spending spree will increase our annual deficit by \$134 billion.

To the extent that there is any budgeting here in Washington at all, we are budgeting for bankruptcy. The Congressional Budget Office predicts that our debt will rise to an alarming 90 percent of GDP by the end of this decade.

This is unsustainable and puts us in the same territory as the country of Greece. Having already spent trillions of dollars, we are not even trying to budget for the next year.

This is unacceptable. Americans don't handle their checkbooks this way and neither should Congress.

THE DEFICIT

(Mr. GUTHRIE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I stand before the House today to talk about when I was making the decision whether or not to run for office, my wife and I talked about it. We had young children and were concerned about what a campaign and being in Washington back and forth would do to our children.

We talked about the \$400 billion budget deficit in 2007 and 2008 and not what it would do to our children if I ran for office, but what we could do for our children, and our children's children, and their friends, and their future.

And, now, the \$400 billion budget deficit is the point, the decimal point on the current budget deficit, \$1.4 trillion. The budget that has been presented says it is going to go up double in 5 years and triple in 10.

So I am here to work for my children and their future, and we need to ask ourselves every time a spending bill comes forward, is this worth borrowing

from our children and our grandchildren's future to spend this money?

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CUMMINGS). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H.R. 5145, by the yeas and nays;
House Resolution 1258, by the yeas and nays;

House Resolution 1382, de novo;
House Resolution 584, de novo.

Proceedings on H.R. 3885 will resume later.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

ASSURING QUALITY CARE FOR VETERANS ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5145, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. FILNER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5145, as amended.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 413, nays 2, not voting 15, as follows:

[Roll No. 294]

YEAS—413

Ackerman	Boustany	Clyburn
Aderholt	Boyd	Coble
Adler (NJ)	Brady (PA)	Coffman (CO)
Akin	Brady (TX)	Cohen
Alexander	Braley (IA)	Cole
Altmire	Bright	Conaway
Andrews	Brown (GA)	Connolly (VA)
Arcuri	Brown (SC)	Cooper
Austria	Brown, Corrine	Costa
Baca	Brown-Waite,	Costello
Bachmann	Ginny	Courtney
Bachus	Buchanan	Crenshaw
Baird	Burgess	Critz
Baldwin	Burton (IN)	Crowley
Barrow	Butterfield	Cuellar
Bartlett	Buyer	Culberson
Barton (TX)	Calvert	Cummings
Bean	Camp	Dahlkemper
Becerra	Cantor	Davis (CA)
Berkley	Cao	Davis (IL)
Berman	Capito	Davis (KY)
Berry	Capps	Davis (TN)
Biggert	Capuano	DeFazio
Bilbray	Cardoza	DeGette
Bilirakis	Carnahan	Delahunt
Bishop (GA)	Carney	DeLauro
Bishop (NY)	Carson (IN)	Dent
Bishop (UT)	Carter	Deutch
Blackburn	Cassidy	Diaz-Balart, L.
Blumenauer	Castle	Diaz-Balart, M.
Bocieri	Castor (FL)	Dicks
Boehner	Chaffetz	Dingell
Bonner	Chandler	Doggett
Bono Mack	Childers	Donnelly (IN)
Boozman	Chu	Doyle
Boren	Clarke	Dreier
Boswell	Clay	Driehaus
Boucher	Cleaver	Duncan